

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by marked up replacement paragraph(s) as follows.

At page 1, please replace the Title with the following new Title:

-- METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING RECORDS ~~IN~~ OF EVENTS
DURING USE OF A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM --

At page 8, please replace paragraph [0050] with the following paragraph:

--[0050] Figure 2 depicts the prior art approach to collecting and processing CDR files. In Figure 2, CDR files 142, 144, and 146 that have been accumulated during call processing within network 100 are combined and submitted to various processing functions. A billing processing function 210 processes CDR files to derive billing for each subscriber who uses the network. The aggregated CDR files are first parsed by a file parsing stage 212 that yields separate billing records 213. Resulting parsed billing records are input to ~~into~~ a record correlating/parsing function 214, that correlates CDR's and composes a description of each call handled by the network. This function is particularly important for matching up CDR's from multiple locations related to a given call. Record correlating/parsing function 214 may also screen for discrepancies among the CDR's. As a consistent description of each call is assembled from the CDR's, a record data instance 215 is output to a bill analysis function 216. Bill analysis function 216 reviews the billable aspects of each call, applies the appropriate billing rates to the recorded usage, and adds the charges to each subscriber's bill. The output of a bill analysis function 216 is a bill 218 for each subscriber.--

At page 12, please replace paragraph [0073] with the following paragraph:

--[0073] In part, network management system 404 serves the traditional role of monitoring the functional status of, and asserting control over, traffic-bearing network 402. In accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, NMS 404 also is a means for distributing operating instructions or software to one or more network control/service processing functions 410 in communications system 400. One such means for distributing operating software and data to service processors is described in commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/128,937, filed August 5, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,418,461, issued July 9, 2002, and entitled "Intelligent Call Platform for an Intelligent Distributed Network Architecture", the whole contents and disclosure of which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.--